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COMMENT

Claims 1-26 were filed in the case. Claims 3, 6, 19-14, 16-23 and 26 have been amended, and claims 27-35 have been added. Claims 1-26 remain in the case.

Please find attached a Credit Card Payment form in the amount of \$169.00 to cover the fee associated with the new claims 27-35.

Newly added claim 27 could be construed to be a generic apparatus claim, and claims 32 may be considered to be a generic method claim, both believed covering the Examiner's asserted Species 1-3 as indicated in paragraph 3, page two of the restriction requirement dated 09/30/2004.

Accordingly, Applicant requests examination of claims 27, 32 and the remaining claims 1-35.

If the Examiner refuses examination, in order to comply with Restriction Practice, Applicant responds to the Restriction Requirement as follows.

**RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the requirement of restriction, for reasons set forth above and as follows.

As indicated in the MPEP at 808.02:

"Where the related inventions as claimed are shown to be distinct under the criteria of MPEP 806.05(c - I), the examiner, in order to establish reasons for insisting upon restriction, must show by appropriate explanation one of the following:

(1) Separate classification thereof:

This shows that each distinct subject has attained recognition in the art as a separate subject for inventive effort, and also a separate field of search. Patents need not be cited to show separate classification.

(2) A separate status in the art when they are classifiable together:

Even though they are classified together, each subject can be shown to have formed a separate subject for inventive effort when an explanation

1 indicates a recognition of separate inventive effort by inventors. Separate  
2 status in the art may be shown by citing patents which are evidence of such  
3 separate status, and also of a separate field of search.  
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5 (3) A different field of search:  
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7 Where it is necessary to search for one of the distinct subjects in places  
8 where no pertinent art to the other subject exists, a different field of search is  
9 shown, even though the two are classified together. The indicated different  
10 field of search must in fact be pertinent to the type of subject matter covered  
11 by the claims. Patents need not be cited to show different fields of search.  
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13 Where, however, the classification is the same and the field of search is  
14 the same and there is no clear indication of separate future classification and  
15 field of search, no reasons exist for dividing among related inventions.”  
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18 In the present case, it is submitted that the claims of the present application relate to a  
19 common inventive effort, and would not require separate, distinctive fields of search;  
20 classification of the claimed invention as set forth in claims 1-26, including Species 1-3  
21 as cited by the Examiner, are believed to comprise the same class and related sub-classes, as  
22 well as common apparatus so as to provide a common field of search for prosecution  
23 purposes.  
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25 It is the Examiner's burden to set forth with particularity appropriate criteria applying the  
26 statutory requirements, and the evidence to support that application of the criteria. A  
27 restriction requirement imposes considerable cost and time burdens on the applicant, and  
28 should not be taken lightly or required without substantial evidence of necessity for that  
29 application.  
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31 As stated in MPEP 806.05(c): “If there is no evidence that combination A Bsp is  
32 patentable without the details of Bsp, restriction should not be required. Where the  
33 relationship between the claims is such that the separately claimed subcombination Bsp  
34 constitutes the essential distinguishing feature of the combination A Bsp as claimed, the  
35 inventions are not distinct and a requirement for restriction must not be made, even though  
36 the subcombination has separate utility.”  
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38 It is respectfully submitted that no such evidence has been shown, and as such, as stated  
39 above, “restriction should not be required.”  
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41 The new independent claims 27 and 32 illustrate the similarities in the cited groups of  
42 claims cited by the examiner, and may be construed reading upon the inventions defined in  
43 said claims. The Examination of the claims should not present an undue burden upon the

1 Examiner, and reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is thus respectfully requested.

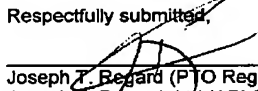
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3 In the alternative, if the Examiner is still unwilling to Examine all of the claims, the  
4 applicant with traverse elects Species 1, the heat pipe embodiment, claims 1-9 and 24, 28,  
5 and 33.  
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7 The Specification has been amended to further reference related applications in  
8 addition to those earlier added, as suggested by the Examiner.  
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10 It is now believed that the claims are in condition for allowance, and applicant thereby  
11 respectfully requests same.  
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13 If additional issues remain, and the Examiner is of the opinion that same could be  
14 resolved by telephone or examiner amendment, the undersigned respectfully requests same at  
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18 Respectfully submitted,  
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